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HEAVENS! THAT
GIRL'S ALIVE...
IN A ROOM THAT'S
BEEN WALLED UP
FOR SIX
CENTURIES!

A LOVELY GIRL
PLACED UNDER THE
SPELL OF A SORCERER
SIX CENTURIES AGO...
COULD SHE STILL BE
LIVING IN 1958? THRILL
TO AN AMAZING
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SCENES OUT OF A MAN'S PAST -- SCENES SO VIVID, SO LIFELIKE THAT THEY APPROACHED REALITY! WERE THEY REAL? -- OR WAS EACH JUST A STRANGE --

PIPE DREAM!



FRANK WHEELER WAS AN OLD MAN WHO WORKED HARD IN THE OFFICE WHERE HE'D BEEN EMPLOYED FOR YEARS --

I HAVEN'T MET THAT OLD CODGER YET -- HE LOOKS LIKE THE HARDEST WORKING GUY AROUND HERE!

AND THE MOST SELF-EFFACING! I KEEP TRYING TO TALK HIM OUT OF IT -- GUESS I'LL GIVE IT ANOTHER STAB!



LOOK, FRANK, THIS IS LUNCH HOUR -- DON'T YOU EVER RELAX? LOOK AT THE WORK YOU'VE TURNED OUT ALREADY TODAY!

I... I GUESS I'VE JUST GOTTEN INTO THE HABIT OF KEEPING MY NOSE TO THE GRINDSTONE! I'D HARDLY KNOW HOW TO SLOW DOWN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



GOOD GOSH, YOU MAKE ME TIRED! THE BOSS HAS GOTTEN TO EXPECT IT FROM YOU -- HE'S TAKING ADVANTAGE! I'VE GOT A GOOD MIND TO TELL HIM SO MYSELF -- IT'S NOT FAIR!

OH, NO... PLEASE DON'T DO THAT! HE -- HE MIGHT THINK I WAS COMPLAINING -- AND I'M AFRAID OF WHAT HE MIGHT DO --



YES, THAT WAS FRANK WHEELER! ALWAYS HE WAS AFRAID -- AND IT WASN'T MUCH DIFFERENT AT HOME, EITHER --

THOSE KIDS FROM NEXT DOOR WERE TRAMPLING ALL OVER THE LAWN AGAIN TODAY! I'VE ASKED YOU TWENTY TIMES TO TALK TO MR. JONES ABOUT IT!

PLEASE, MARY, DON'T BE ANGRY! I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE NEIGHBORS! AFTER ALL, THE CHILDREN DON'T MEAN ANYTHING...



EXCUSES... ALWAYS EXCUSES! IT COULDN'T BE THAT YOU'RE SCARED OF JONES' TEMPER, COULD IT? OH, FRANK, WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE OF A MAN? BUT I GUESS YOU AND I HAVE BEEN A MISTAKE... WE WERE NEVER RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER!



SHE'S RIGHT, I GUESS! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOO AFRAID TO DO THE THINGS OTHER MEN DID -- EVER SINCE --



EVER SINCE THAT CERTAIN EPISODE, BURIED DEEP IN HIS YOUTH -- BUT IT WAS AN EPISODE WHICH KEPT COMING BACK! EVEN NOW, HE COULDN'T KEEP IT FROM FLASHING THROUGH HIS MIND! IT HAD HAPPENED OVER 40 YEARS AGO, WHEN FRANK WHEELER WAS DIFFERENT --

THERE GOES THAT WHEELER BOY! HE'S A GO-GETTER -- NOTHING FAZES HIM!

HE'LL BE A BIG SUCCESS! WE'LL BE HEARING THINGS FROM HIM!



A BRIGHT NEW WORLD LAY BEFORE HIM THEN -- AND THE BRIGHTEST PART OF IT WAS LOUISE...

SWEETHEART...



IT WAS THE NICEST ONE I COULD FIND, LOUISE!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL! BUT I'VE GOT TO FIND AN ENGAGEMENT PRESENT FOR YOU, TOO!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THEY LEFT FOR THE STATE CAPITAL, WHERE THEY PLANNED TO BE MARRIED! IT WAS A GAY TRIP -- WITHOUT ANY PREMONITION OF THE TRAGEDY THAT WAS TO COME --

I GOT THAT PRESENT FOR YOU, FRANK -- IT'S A SURPRISE! CLOSE YOUR EYES --

OKAY, HONEY -- THEY'RE CLOSED!



YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES NOW -- HERE IT IS! I HAD TO SIT FOR THIS, JUST AS IF IT WERE A PORTRAIT!

WELL, I'LL BE ---! IT'S A PIPE -- A BEAUTIFUL PIPE -- CARVED IN YOUR IMAGE!



THERE! I HOPE YOU LIKE
WHAT I GOT FOR
YOU, MR.
HUSBAND-
TO-BE!

IT'S GOING
TO BE THE BIGGEST
THING IN MY LIFE-
OUTSIDE OF YOU, OF
COURSE, MRS. FUTURE
BRIDE!



THE TRAIN SPED OUT UPON A HIGH
TRESTLE --THERE WERE STILL NO
INTIMATIONS OF DOOM--



BUT HIGH ABOVE, AN OVERHANGING
CLIFF GAVE WAY--

CR-RAK!



R RIP!

CR-RASH!



CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO SEATS WHICH CUSHIONED THE
TERRIBLE IMPACT, FRANK LIVED --ONE OF THE
FEW TO EMERGE ALIVE--



LOUISE!
LOUISE!

HIGH ON THE TOTTERING
WRECKAGE OF THE
TRESTLE STOOD A
PORTION OF A SINGLE
CAR --AND THERE,
FRAMED IN A
WINDOW--



H-HELP!



GOOD HEAVENS,
SHE'S --UP THERE!
I--I'VE GOT TO CLIMB
UP AND RESCUE
HER -- FAST!

HE APPROACHED THE SHAKY
STRUCTURE -- THEN RETREATED!
IT WAS HIGH -- SO TERRIBLY HIGH --
AND AS IT SWAYED DANGEROUSLY,
A SHARP REALIZATION SAPPED
HIS COURAGE --

IT'S GOING TO COLLAPSE ANY
MOMENT! I -- CAN'T GO THROUGH
WITH IT! I CAN'T CLIMB UP



HEAVEN
HELP
ME!

THE VITAL MOMENTS TICKED PAST,
WHILE FEAR HELD HIM ROOTED TO
THE SPOT! AND SUDDENLY --
IT WAS TOO LATE!



THE TRESTLE--IT'S
COLLAPSING!

AND OUT OF ALL HIS HOPES
AND DREAMS -- ONLY
THIS WAS LEFT --



FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO -- AND I STILL
CAN'T GET THAT CONSTANT VISION OUT OF
MY MIND! CAN'T FORGET THE TIME --
WHEN I FIRST
BECAME A --
COWARD!



SADLY, HE WALKED THE STREETS
--TRYING TO ERASE THE SCENE
FROM HIS MEMORY --

HE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW
HE CAME TO THE WINDOW
OF THAT OLD CURIOSITY SHOP --

WEAPONS -- THINGS TO BE
WIELDED BY BRAVER MEN --
WHAT'S
THAT?



I MUSTN'T THINK OF IT --
MUSTN'T THINK OF ANYTHING
THAT MAKES ME REMEMBER
HER --



THERE IT LAY IN A BASKET
OF TRASH --

IT -- IT LOOKS LIKE THE PIPE
LOUISE GAVE ME -- ON THAT LAST
DAY! BUT NO -- IT CAN'T BE --
IT'S JUST SOMETHING
LIKE IT, THAT'S ALL --



ANYTHING
IN THIS
BASKET PRICED
FOR CLEARANCE

BUT THESE ASSURANCES COULDN'T SATISFY HIM -- HE HAD TO SEE IT CLOSE, TO HOLD IT IN HIS HAND --

THAT OLD PIPE WITH THE WOMAN'S HEAD IS A VERY RARE ITEM, SIR -- BUT I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT FOR A BUCK!

I'LL TAKE IT!

AT HOME, HE COULD HARDLY WAIT TO CLEAN AND POLISH IT, ALL THE TIME TRYING TO CONVINCE HIMSELF THAT IT **COULDN'T** BE THE ONE! BUT WHEN THE JOB WAS DONE --

NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT! IT'S -- **THE VERY PIPE!**

NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, HIS WIFE FOUND SIGNS OF SPIRIT IN HIM --

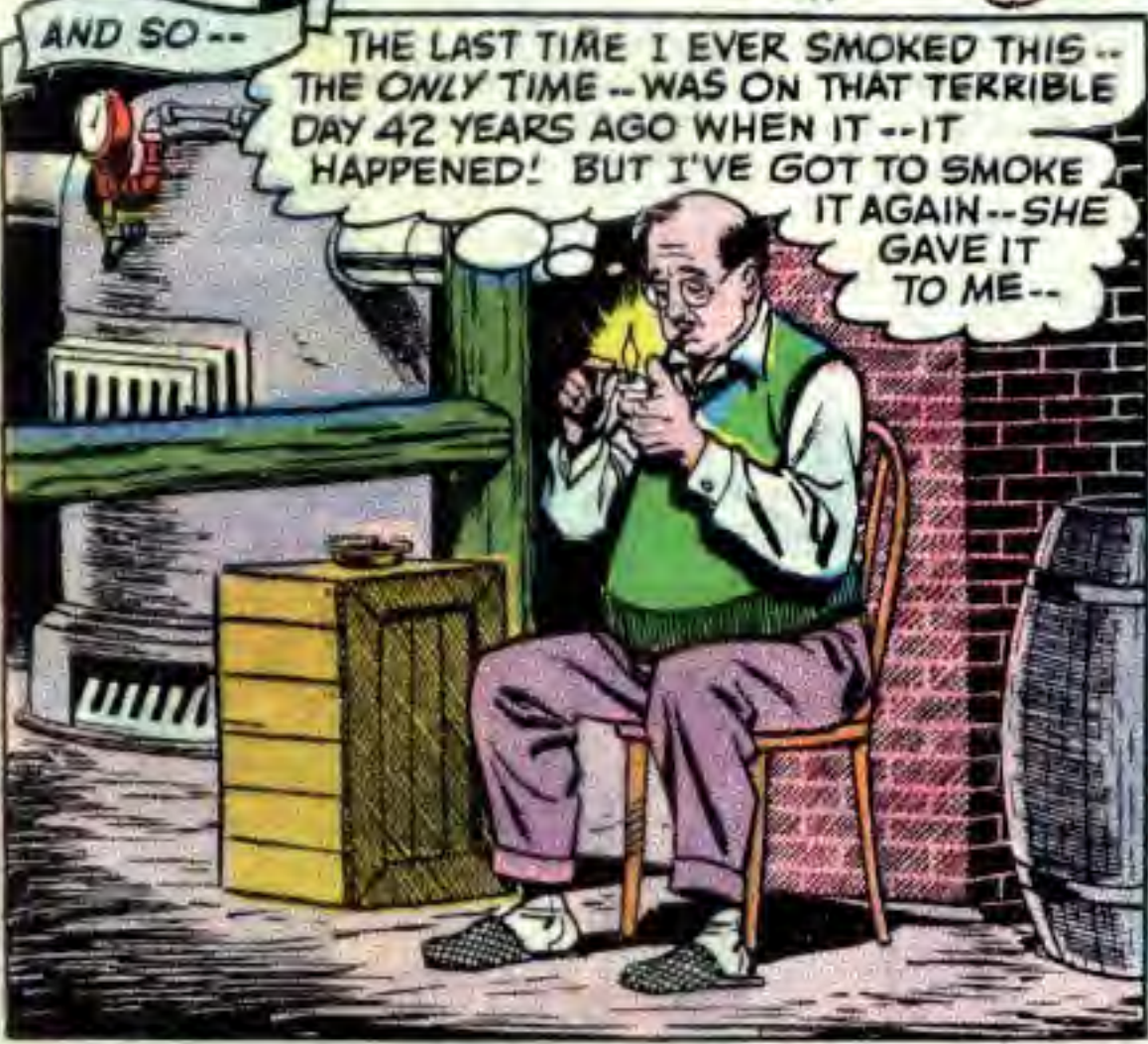
YOU KNOW VERY WELL TOBACCO SMOKE'S BAD FOR MY ASTHMA! GIVE ME THAT PIPE -- I'LL THROW IT OUT --

NO -- YOU WON'T -- DON'T YOU DARE! I -- I PROMISE I WON'T SMOKE IT IN THE HOUSE -- I'LL TAKE IT DOWN TO THE CELLAR IF I USE IT!



AND SO --

THE LAST TIME I EVER SMOKED THIS -- THE ONLY TIME -- WAS ON THAT TERRIBLE DAY 42 YEARS AGO WHEN IT -- IT HAPPENED! BUT I'VE GOT TO SMOKE IT AGAIN -- SHE GAVE IT TO ME --



THAT'S STRANGE -- SO MUCH SMOKE! I'M STARTING TO FEEL -- SORT OF DIZZY --



SUDDENLY IT WAS AS IF HE WERE IN SOME STRANGE, UNKNOWN PLACE -- GROPING HIS WAY THROUGH BLINDING CLOUDS OF SMOKE --

WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHERE AM I? I -- I CAN'T SEE WHERE I'M GOING --



MAGICALLY, HE WAS BACK IN HIS OFFICE NOW -- BUT IT WAS AS IT HAD BEEN 20 YEARS BEFORE! AND HE WAS 20 YEARS YOUNGER --

I'VE WORKED HARD AND DONE A GOOD JOB HERE! I'LL GET PLACES, I'M SURE OF IT! THEY'LL RECOGNIZE MY VALUE -- GIVE ME THE RAISE I DESERVE!



BUT WHEN HE HAD STATED HIS CASE TIMIDLY --

YOU KNOW, THERE ARE A LOT OF MEN OUT OF WORK WHO'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE YOUR POSITION AT A **SMALLER** SALARY!

NO, MR. KELLER -- **NO!** PLEASE, I NEED MY JOB! I'LL EVEN WORK FOR LESS MONEY -- IF ONLY YOU'LL LET ME STAY!





EVEN AS HE HATED HIMSELF FOR HIS FEAR, HE FELT A HAND SHAKING HIS SHOULDER INSISTENTLY! GROGGILY HE AWOKE --

WAKE UP, DO YOU HEAR ME? DINNER'S ON THE TABLE! I DECLARE, THE SMELL OF THAT MISERABLE PIPE --

I -- I MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF TO SLEEP -- I WAS DREAMING --



IT WAS A WEEK BEFORE HE RETURNED TO THE OLD PIPE --

I DECLARE, MUST YOU ALWAYS BE UNDERFOOT WHEN I'VE GOT CLEANING TO DO?

IT'S RAINING OUT -- MAYBE I BETTER GO DOWN TO THE CELLAR! I WON'T BE IN YOUR WAY DOWN THERE!



IT WASN'T JUST TO GET OUT OF HER WAY! A STRANGE COMPULSION DREW HIM TO THE OLD PIPE! ONCE AGAIN --

IT SORT OF -- MAKES ME FEEL CLOSER TO LOUISE!

ONCE MORE, THE SMOKE WREATHED UP, SWIRLED AROUND HIM --



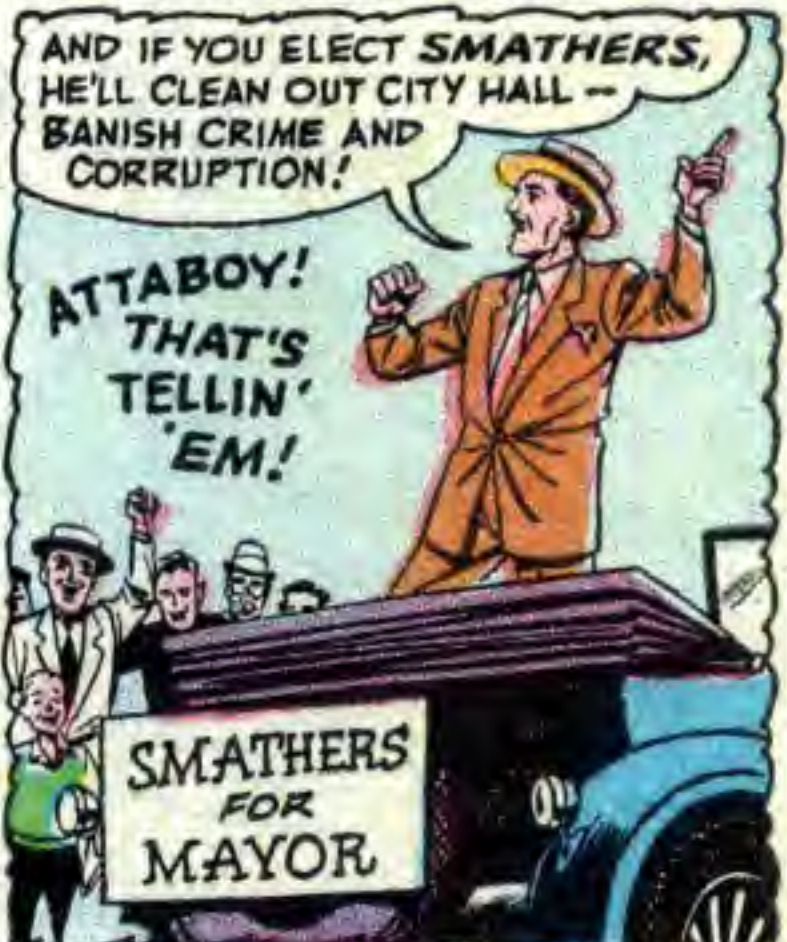
FUNNY -- IT CAN'T BE THE TOBACCO -- IT'S THE KIND THEY SELL EVERYWHERE!

ONCE MORE, HE FOUND HIMSELF GROPING THROUGH BLINDING BILLOWS --



IT'S LIKE IT WAS BEFORE! WONDER WHERE I'M GOING TO LAND NOW?

WHY, IT WAS 1927 -- THE YEAR WHEN HE HAD ELECTIONEERED FOR HIS BEST FRIEND, RUNNING FOR MAYOR ON A REFORM TICKET! HE'D PUT HIS HEART AND SOUL INTO IT --



AND IF YOU ELECT SMATHERS, HE'LL CLEAN OUT CITY HALL -- BANISH CRIME AND CORRUPTION!

ATTABOY! THAT'S TELLIN' 'EM!



WHEN THE SPEECH WAS OVER AND THE CROWD HAD DEPARTED --

WAIT A MINUTE, BUSTER! YOU'RE THE GUY WHO'S BEEN MAKIN' THOSE SWEET SPEECHES FOR THE REFORM CANDIDATE, RIGHT?

WHY, YES -- BUT -- WHAT?



JUST THIS -- WE DON'T WANT A REFORM MAYOR IN THIS TOWN, SEE? ANY MORE SPEECHES FROM YOU AND I MIGHT LOSE MY TEMPER, GET IT?

YES -- I -- I WON'T MAKE ANY MORE SPEECHES -- I PROMISE! JUST D-DON'T HURT ME --

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I was ashamed to always be so tired!

I ALWAYS felt simply "run down." People were thinking of me as a "spoilsport." I didn't know why until my doctor explained *why* I felt "tired" . . . *why* my youthful vigor was slipping away . . . *why* my wife and family were beginning to think of me as a worn-out man.

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HAW-HAW! IF WE'D ONLY TALKED TO THAT HERO JUST A SECOND LONGER, HE'D WIND UP VOTIN' FOR **OUR** CANDIDATE!



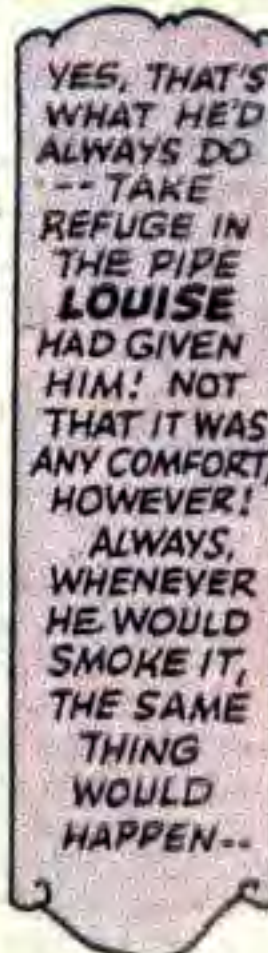
AND NOW OLD FRANK WHEELER OPENED HIS EYES GROGGILY--

I--MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP HERE AGAIN! WHAT A DREAM! -- BUT IT WAS **TRUE!** LORD, WHAT A COWARD I AM-- WHAT A MISERABLE COWARD...



THEN, AS ALWAYS, IT WAS BACK TO HIS DREARY, HENPECKED LIFE --

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A CAR, LIKE OTHER PEOPLE -- AND IF WE DID, YOU'D BE TOO **AFRAID** TO DRIVE IT! SURE, RUN AWAY -- GO DOWN THE CELLAR TO THAT SMELLY OLD PIPE --



YES, THAT'S WHAT HE'D ALWAYS DO -- TAKE REFUGE IN THE PIPE **LOUISE** HAD GIVEN HIM! NOT THAT IT WAS ANY COMFORT, HOWEVER! ALWAYS, WHENEVER HE WOULD SMOKE IT, THE SAME THING WOULD HAPPEN--



WHERE -- AM I? I CAN'T FIND MY WAY--



NOW HE KNEW THE POINT HE HAD REACHED! IT WAS 35 YEARS AGO -- HIS FRIENDS HAD TALKED HIM INTO A MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING TRIP! HE WAS BACK AGAIN -- RELIVING THE EXPERIENCE --

HOW'S IT GOING, FRANK? NOT **SCARED**, I HOPE!

WHO, M-ME? I-- I CAN TAKE IT--

BUT THEN HE MADE THE MISTAKE OF LOOKING DOWN -- AND AS HE SAW THE GROUND FAR BELOW HIM--



OH, N-NO -- **NO!**



HELP! H-HELP! SAVE ME! GET ME DOWN!

LOOK OUT, YOU IDIOT! DO YOU WANT TO KILL US ALL?

IT WAS A NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE WHOLE PARTY --

HE WAS SO SCARED HE PASSED OUT!

I'M THROUGH WITH HIM! I NEVER SAW SUCH AN ABJECT COWARD IN ALL MY LIFE!

OLD FRANK AWOKE FROM THIS SORRY VISION OF HIS PAST--BUT THE MEMORY STAYED WITH HIM --

IT'S GOT TO BE THE OLD PIPE THAT DOES IT -- GIVES ME THOSE DREAMS THAT REVEAL ME FOR THE WEAK COWARD THAT I AM! IF ONLY I COULD KEEP AWAY FROM IT -- BUT THERE'S A COMPULSION THAT KEEPS ON DRIVING ME BACK TO IT!

AND SO -- HE KEPT ON --

AGAIN THE STRANGE SMOKE BILLOWED UP, AND HE WANDERED THROUGH IT, SEEKING, SEEKING! THE VEIL LIFTED AT THE YEAR 1920 -- HE WAS OUT WITH MARY, WHO LATER HAD BECOME HIS WIFE --

HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS GETTING INTO! THEY'D BEEN OUT JUST A FEW TIMES WHEN HER FATHER SPOKE OUT --

I'M A SICK OLD MAN WITHOUT MUCH TIME LEFT, FRANK! BEFORE I GO, I'D LIKE TO SEE MY DAUGHTER MARRIED! SHE'D MAKE YOU A GOOD WIFE, I KNOW IT...

BUT WE'RE ONLY ACQUAINTANCES, MR. HEINZ! I'M SURE MARY'S NEVER THOUGHT OF ME AS ANY-THING CLOSER!

--AND OF COURSE, THE BOYS KEEP TAKING ME OUT ALL THE TIME! I DECLARE, I HAVE SO MANY DATES--

THE POOR SOUL -- SHE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT I KNOW NOBODY EVER TAKES HER OUT! I'M ONLY DOING IT BECAUSE SHE'S LONELY, AND I WANT TO BE NICE TO HER!

YOU'RE WRONG, SHE CARES FOR YOU! AND YOU'D BREAK HER HEART IF YOU LEFT! YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT, SON, WOULD YOU?

I COULDN'T... HURT A WOMAN! YOU'RE SURE SHE LOVES ME?

AND SO, WEAKLY, HE'D ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE TALKED INTO MARRYING MARY! NOW, AWAKENING FROM THIS LATEST DREAM, HE SAW FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME WHAT A MISTAKE IT HAD BEEN--

OH, NOT AGAIN -- I CAN SMELL THAT NASTY OLD PIPE FROM HERE! I'M WARNING YOU, FRANK WHEELER -- IF I EVER LAY MY HANDS ON IT--

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, MARY! IT--IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY THING I'VE GOT!

BUT MUCH AS HE LOVED THE PIPE, HE KNEW THE SUFFERING IT CAUSED HIM --

EVERY TIME I SMOKE IT, I KEEP GETTING THOSE DEPRESSING VISIONS FROM OUT OF MY PAST -- VISIONS THAT REVEAL ME AS THE COWARD I AM! IT'S DISTURBING -- WHY DO I KEEP COMING BACK TO IT?



THE THOUGHT BECAME AN OBSESSION! HE COULDN'T WAIT TO TRY IT AGAIN --

HE HADN'T REALIZED THE ANSWER -- BUT NOW IT HIT HIM LIKE A PILEDRIVER --

IT'S BECAUSE EVERY TIME, IT TAKES ME FURTHER AND FURTHER BACK INTO THE PAST -- AND I'M HOPING THAT FINALLY, IT MAY BRING ME TO -- **LOUISE!**



MAYBE -- **THIS TIME --**

ONCE MORE, HE LIT THE OLD PIPE, SAW THE FAMILIAR WREATHING OF SMOKE -- GROPED HIS WAY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS CLOUD --



PLEASE, MAKE IT LOUISE -- LET ME SEE HER AGAIN -- AS SHE WAS --

IT WAS AS IF HIS HOPE HAD BEEN ANSWERED -- BY A GRIM JEST! FOR THERE HE WAS WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL LOVE -- **ABOARD THE FATAL TRAIN THAT WAS MARKED FOR DESTRUCTION!**

I GOT THAT PRESENT FOR YOU, FRANK -- IT'S A SURPRISE! CLOSE YOUR EYES --

OH, LORD, DID IT HAVE TO BE THIS? MUST I RELIVE THE EVENTS OF THE **WORST DAY OF MY LIFE?**

YOU CAN OPEN YOUR EYES NOW -- **HERE IT IS!** I HAD TO SIT FOR THIS, JUST AS IF IT WERE A PORTRAIT!

THE PIPE -- ON THE DAY SHE GAVE IT TO ME! THANK HEAVENS NEITHER OF US COULD LOOK AHEAD -- SEE WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN --

THERE! I HOPE YOU LIKE WHAT I GOT FOR YOU, MR. HUSBAND -- TO-BE!

IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ANY MINUTE NOW! OH, DARLING -- I'LL REMEMBER YOU AS YOU LOOK NOW --



ONCE AGAIN, THE TRAIN SPED OUT
ONTO THAT FATAL TRESTLE--



AND ONCE AGAIN
--DISASTER
RAINED
FROM
ABOVE--

CRASH!



HE WAS LIVING THE WHOLE TRAGEDY
OVER -- THIS TIME **KNOWING**
WHAT LAY AHEAD --

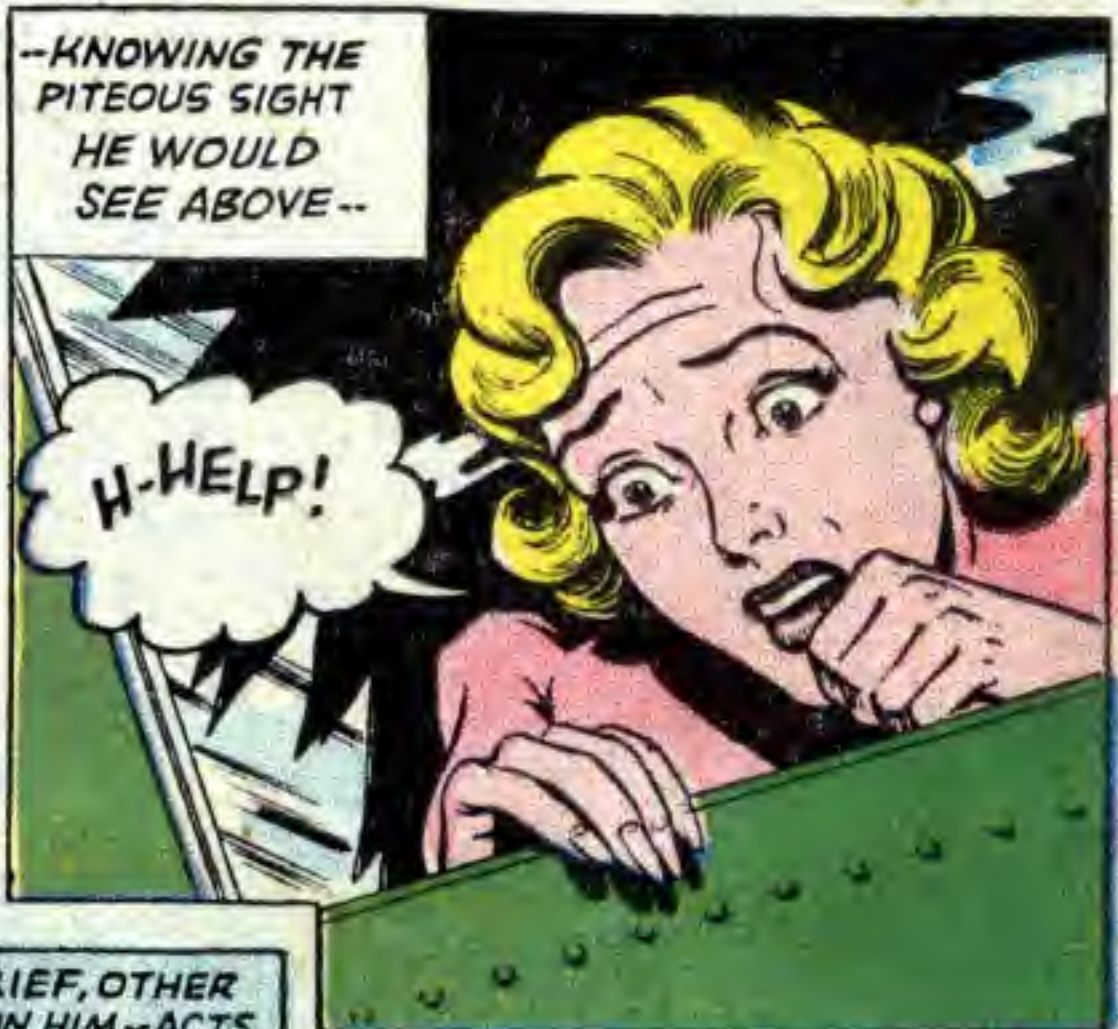
LOUISE!
LOUISE!



--AND KNOWING THAT SHE WAS
DOOMED -- BECAUSE HE
DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE
TO **ACT!**

--KNOWING THE
PITEOUS SIGHT
HE WOULD
SEE ABOVE--

H-HELP!



IN THIS MOMENT OF GRIEF, OTHER
SCENES CROWDED IN ON HIM--ACTS
OF COWARDICE WHICH HAD
MARRED HIS LIFE --

THEN IT WAS AS IF SOMETHING
BURST WITHIN HIM --

NO-- I CAN'T DO IT
AGAIN! IF I'VE GOT
TO DIE -- I WANT TO
--WITH HER!



IT'S ALL
HAPPENING AGAIN,
HEAVEN HELP ME! SHE'LL
FALL -- BECAUSE I
HAVEN'T GOT THE
COURAGE --



UPWARD -- UPWARD -- DYING A THOUSAND DEATHS, AND CONQUERING EACH! HE FORCED BACK THE NUMBING FEAR WHICH TORE AT HIM --

IF ONLY SHE COULD REALLY KNOW -- THAT I LOVED HER ENOUGH FOR THIS --

THE TRESTLE STILL STOOD AS HE MADE IT TO THE TOP --

IT'S NO USE, FRANK DARLING -- YOU -- SHOULDN'T HAVE COME! NOW WE'LL BOTH BE KILLED!

AT LEAST, IF WE CAN'T LIVE TOGETHER -- WE'LL DIE TOGETHER!

SHUT YOUR EYES, DARLING -- DON'T LOOK! AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS -- I LOVE YOU!

IT WAS EVEN WORSE GOING DOWN! THE WRECKED TRESTLE SHOOK CRAZILY -- THE END WASN'T FAR OFF --

THAT GRINDING NOISE -- THIS WHOLE THING'S GOING TO GIVE 'WAY! THERE ISN'T -- A CHANCE --

BUT THERE WAS A CHANCE -- A LONG CHANCE WHICH CAME THROUGH! AND AT THE VERY SECOND THEY MADE IT TO THE GROUND --



OH, FRANK, MY DARLING -- YOU SAVED ME! WE'RE TOGETHER NOW -- SAFE FOR ALL THE HAPPY YEARS AHEAD OF US!

POOR KID -- SHE DOESN'T KNOW THAT IT CAN'T BE -- THAT SHE'S JUST A FIGURE IN A **PIPE DREAM** -- AND THAT I'VE GOT TO RETURN TO MARY, BACK IN THE REAL WORLD...

HE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT BACK IN THAT OTHER WORLD, SOMETHING WAS **HAPPENING** --

HE'S DONE IT AGAIN -- FALLEN ASLEEP OVER THAT AWFUL PIPE HE LOVES SO MUCH! THIS WILL BE JUST WHAT HE **DESERVES**...





SHE HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING THAT WHAT SHE HAD BROKEN WAS MORE THAN A MERE PIPE -- THAT TO THE OLD MAN, IT HAD REPRESENTED A MYSTIC METHOD OF TRANSPORT INTO THE PAST! AND NOW THAT IT WAS SHATTERED FOREVER, HIS MEANS OF RETURN INTO THE PRESENT WAS GONE! AND NOW, SOMETHING **STRANGE** WAS HAPPENING... FOR **FRANK WHEELER WAS DISAPPEARING!**



AND AT THAT MOMENT-- BESIDE A WRECKED RAILROAD TRESTLE --



READER, CAN AN OLD PIPE -- THE TOKEN OF A GREAT LOVE -- CHANGE DESTINY? CAN REALITY BE ERASED, ALTERING THE COURSE OF PEOPLE'S LIVES? FOR NOW A YOUNG FRANK WHEELER GATHERED LOUISE IN HIS ARMS! HE HAD NO MEMORY NOW OF ANY OTHER LIFE... ONLY **THIS** WAS REAL--



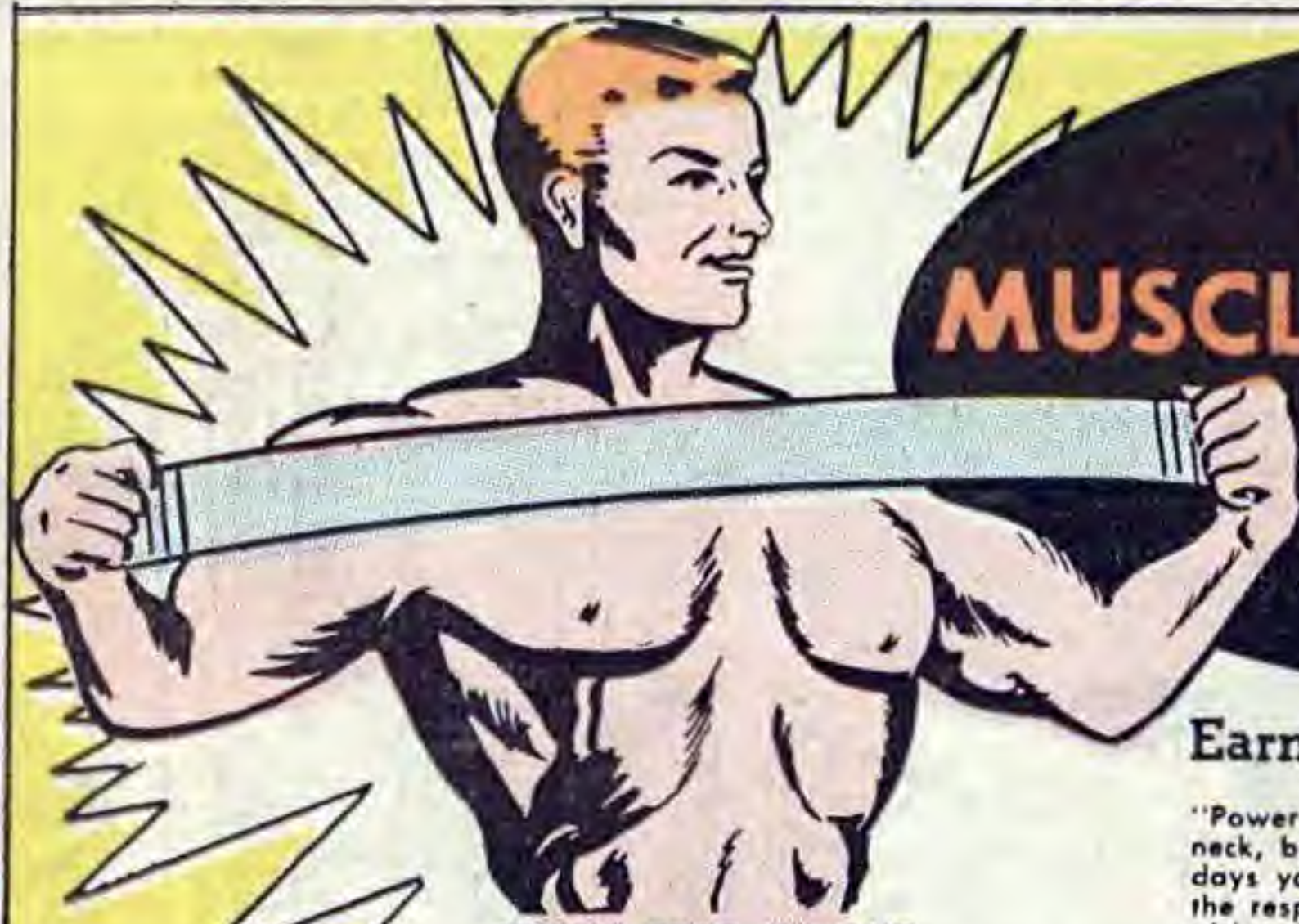
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EDITOR



Front and center, all you "Adventures Into The Unknown" readers! Now hear this—an innovation is in the making. From the letters you've been sending us these many months, it becomes more and more apparent that "Let's Talk It Over" has become one of your most favored features. You like to hear what others are saying—and to add your own personal contribution to the consensus of opinion. You can always do that, of course, by sending your opinions on our stories to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown", 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. But let's get back to the announcement we want to make. Effective as of this issue, we're doubling the space previously allotted to "Let's Talk It Over". That will give us twice as much space to serve as a sounding-board for fans' opinions—and we won't omit the people who hate us to death, either! We'll give this policy a try and see how it goes over with you folks. It will then be made permanent if your reaction warrants it. But now let's get down to work . . .

"Dear Editor:-

I've just completed the intriguing tale entitled 'The Morrison Mystery', in your March, 1957, issue. In my opinion, it's the best story you've ever run. 'Professor Kincaid's Theory' was the second best, and 'The Seller of Dreams' was also good. Stories like these make 'Adventures Into The Unknown' the great magazine that it is!

—David Barton, Midlothian, Ill."

We shouldn't fight with such nice words, but if it comes to personal opinions, we think Professor Kincaid beats Morrison by a mile. "Seller of Dreams" had a lot going for it, and should have been an even better yarn than it turned out to be. It would have been if we hadn't goofed!

"Dear Editor:-

I understand a lot of people read your so-called magazine, but for the life of me, I can't figure why. All I can say is that there must be a lot of dopes in the human race. I'd resign from it before I read the

nonsense you print. Here's one letter your readers will never see!

—Allie Veorentz, Philadelphia, Pa."

Surprise, character—our readers are not only going to see it, but take a good look at you in the process—if they can stand it! That was a good idea you suggested—resigning from the human race, that is—and we'd like to suggest Outer Space for your next address. We don't mind the criticism, but you've got plenty of nerve to insult readers who are infinitely smarter than you are!

"Dear Editor:-

As a rule I'm not a devout reader of comic books, but recently I compared a copy of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' with another similar comic and couldn't help but mark your striking superiority. Not only are your stories better and more entertaining, but I think your pictures are more pleasant to look at. But just one thing—why must all your plots have such sickeningly happy endings? Can't anything ever turn out for the worst? Except for that inconsequential detail, I think your book is swell.

—Eugene Dawson, McKellar, Ont., Can."

You're right in that we usually do strive after a happy ending, even though we know that all in life is not bright. But there's a good reason for it, Eugene. Remember that these are thrill stories, and in the course of their telling, there's always plenty that's grimly exciting and foreboding. Why not balance this with a happy ending?

"Dear Editor:-

In the September issue of your mag, you pulled a boner. 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy'—how did that crazy story ever get in there? It belongs with Mother Goose. Outside of that one story, I thought your book was good. Especially 'The Return of The Pequod'. Let's have more of this type tale!

—Joe Hill, Nitro, West Va."

No fair jumping on poor Mr. McGillicuddy, the most amazing and loveable

leprechaun ever to come out of the Unknown and into the hearts of readers! This was the most "different" story to come along in years, and we even considered offering the writer ten billion dollars for it! Seriously, however, yours is a minority report, Joe. If you'd like to know what the majority of our readers thought about it, look below!

"Dear Editor:-

Just finished the September issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I think that 'The Strangeness of Mr. McGillicuddy' was about the greatest story of all you've printed—and that's saying a lot, too! I didn't think too much of 'The Booster Shots', but 'Return of the Pequod' was good. I think you should retain your short stories, for they're interesting and give the reader something to think about. Keep up your excellent work!

—Peter Van Auken, Tampa, Fla."

You pays your money and takes your pick! Actually, a thousand times more thought, planning and imagination went into Mr. McGillicuddy than a hundred lesser efforts. Can it be that some people object to humor and human interest in their thrill stories?

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading your September issue and I would like to ask you a question. On the cover, you advertised 'The Booster Shots' and showed a prehistoric man crawling out of a time machine. But the story itself had nothing to do with a time machine. I like 'Adventures Into The Unknown', but I found this definitely misleading.

—Jerry Cram, Atlanta, Ga."

Guilty as charged, Jerry. We did it and we're glad. We admit there wasn't any time machine in that story—that we dreamt it up and put it on the cover. The reason was that we didn't just want to repeat a scene from the plot, but to give you readers something exciting to look at. What we came up with was symbolic of the out-of-the-past theme of the story, even though we'll probably repeat this sort of thing from time to time!

"Dear Editor:-

I am an English schoolboy who was lucky enough to obtain a copy of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. And I en-

joyed every wonderful story! I wish that our English comics were as exciting as yours. I'm trying very hard to keep buying your fine magazine!

—Michael Goldstein, London, England."

Yours is a nice hands-across-the-sea letter, Michael. We're happy to welcome you aboard the bandwagon, and we hope you'll be able to continue to buy copies of this book. You should—they're on sale in most quarters of the globe!

"Dear Editor:-

Why do you present all your stories as if you were giving documentary accounts of actual events, with dates and places? Another thing—I know that 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and 'Forbidden Worlds' are one and the same—why don't you make one or the other two times a month instead of once, rather than try to give us the idea that your company is twice as big? I know you won't print this letter because it tells the truth.

—Don Flowers, Jr., Malibu, Calif."

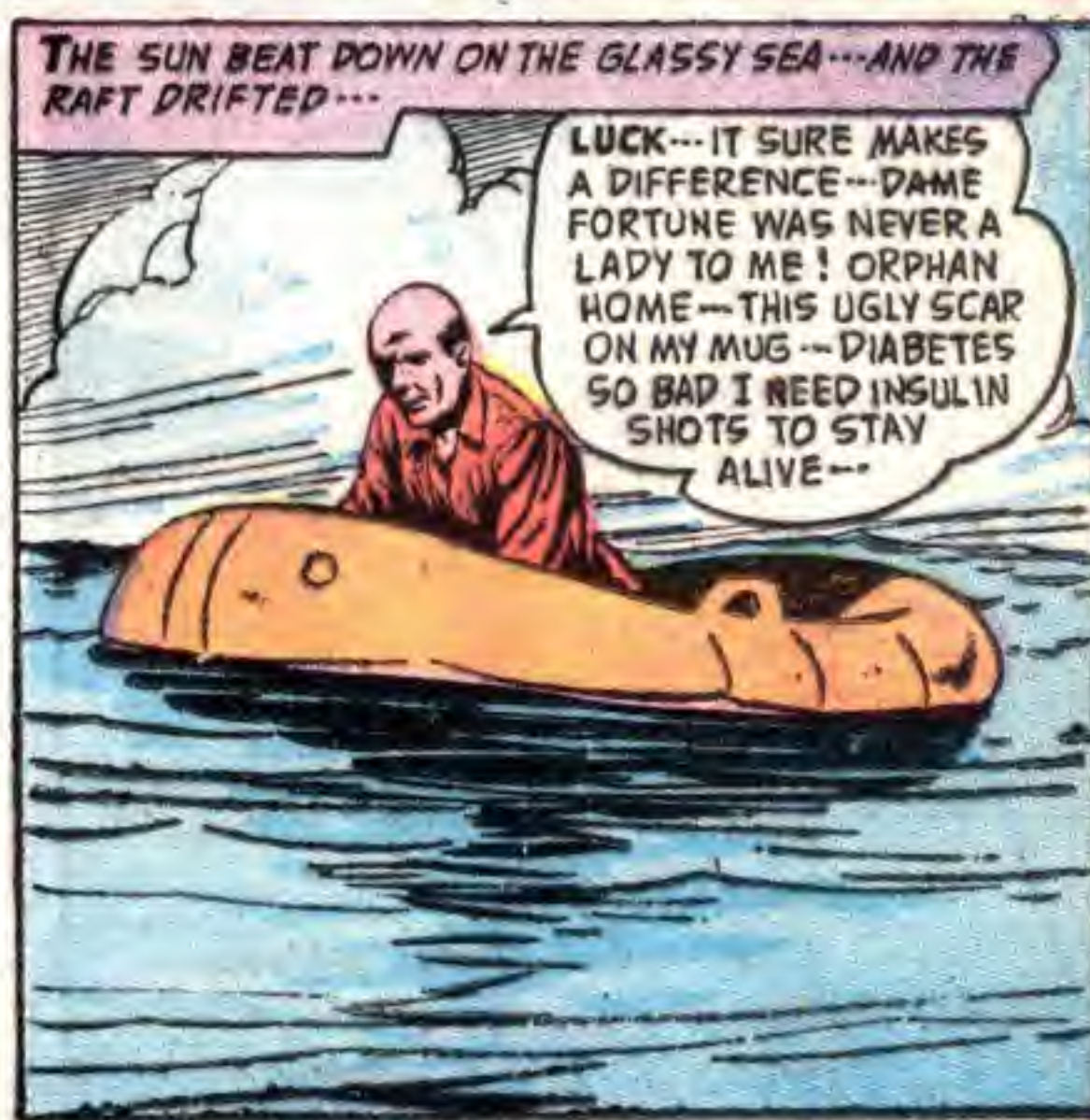
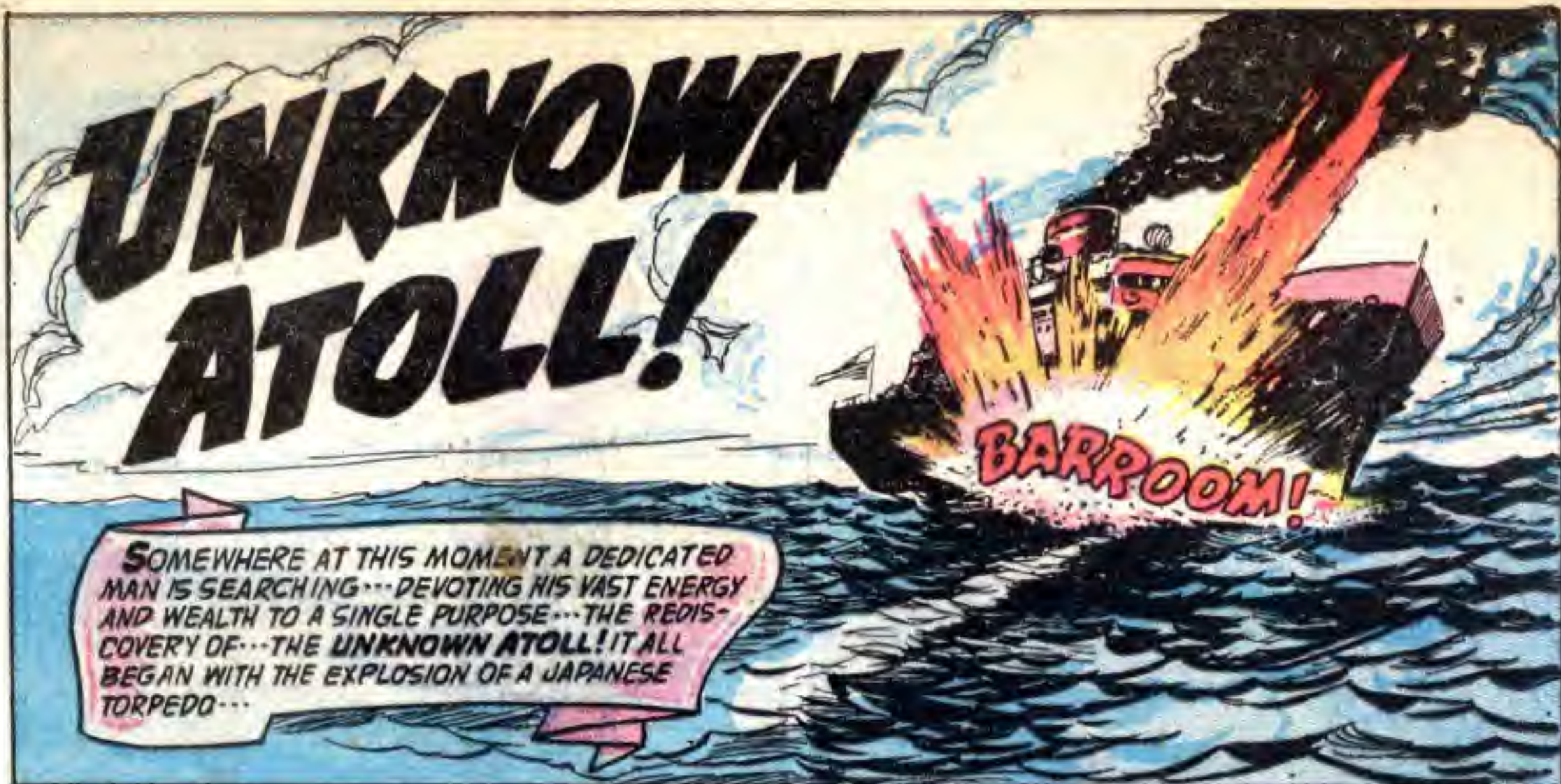
Time out while we breathe a sigh of boredom for another of these guys with the "You won't dare print this" routine. We'll take your complaints in order. First, a good story always sounds as true-to-life as possible, which is what readers want—so why not try to give it to them? Second, what's this malarkey about "Adventures Into The Unknown" and "Forbidden Worlds" being the same magazine? Sure, we publish both of them. Each has its own distinctive and exciting stories, its own attractive art, each completely different from the other, each absorbing and thrilling in its own way. So what's your beef? But maybe you've corrected your impression, because we note that you've written a very nice and complimentary letter to "Forbidden Worlds".

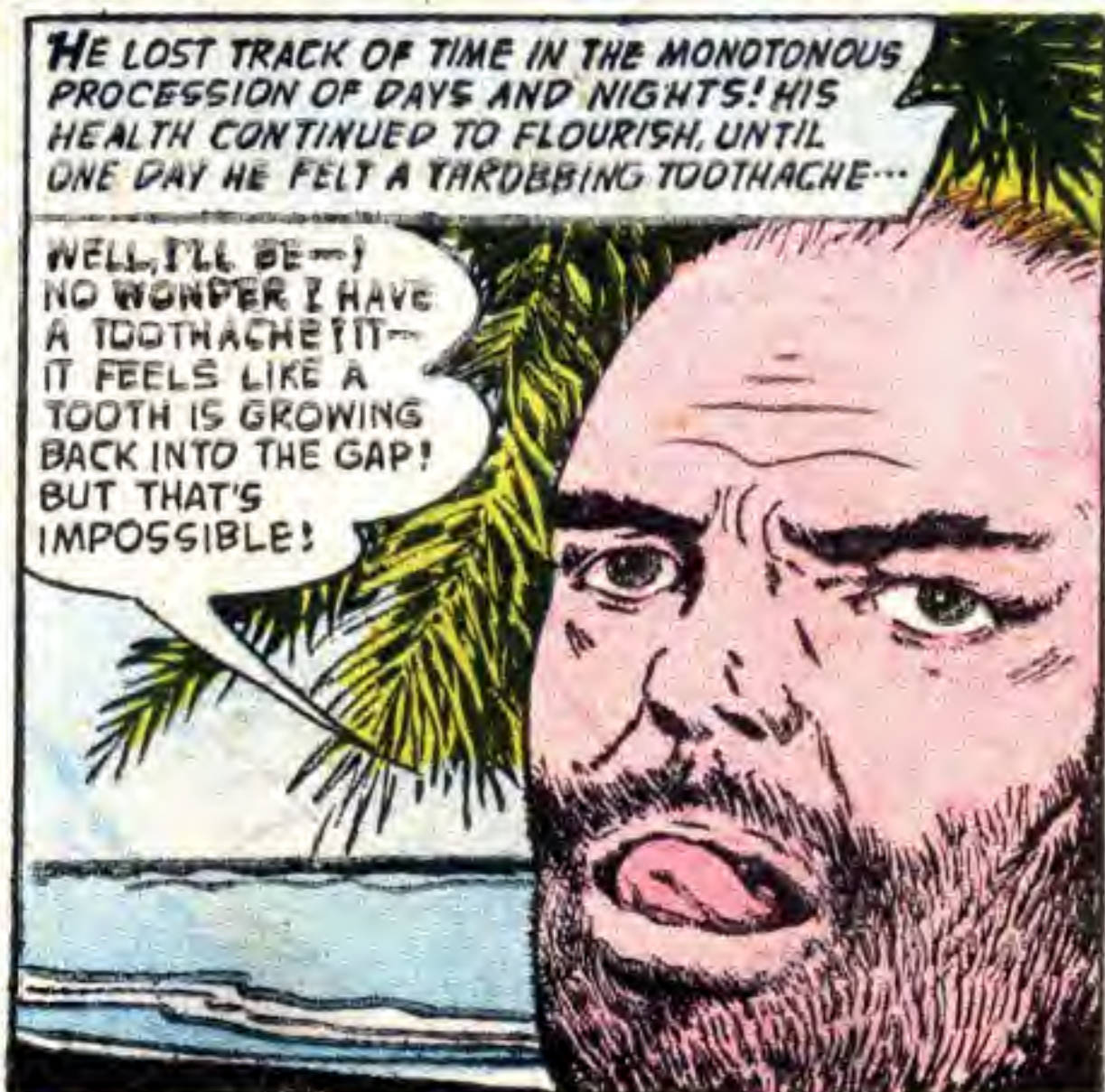
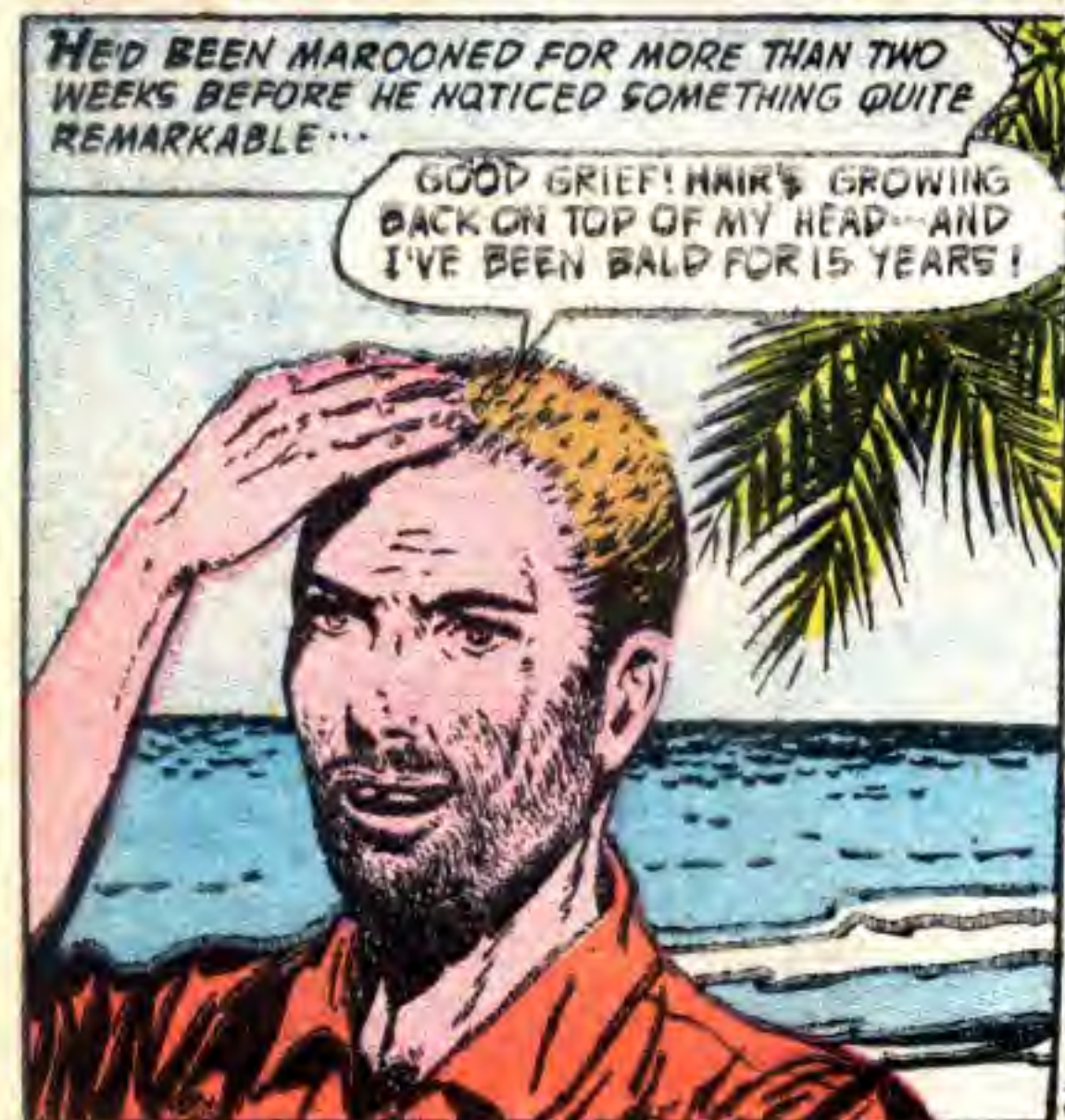
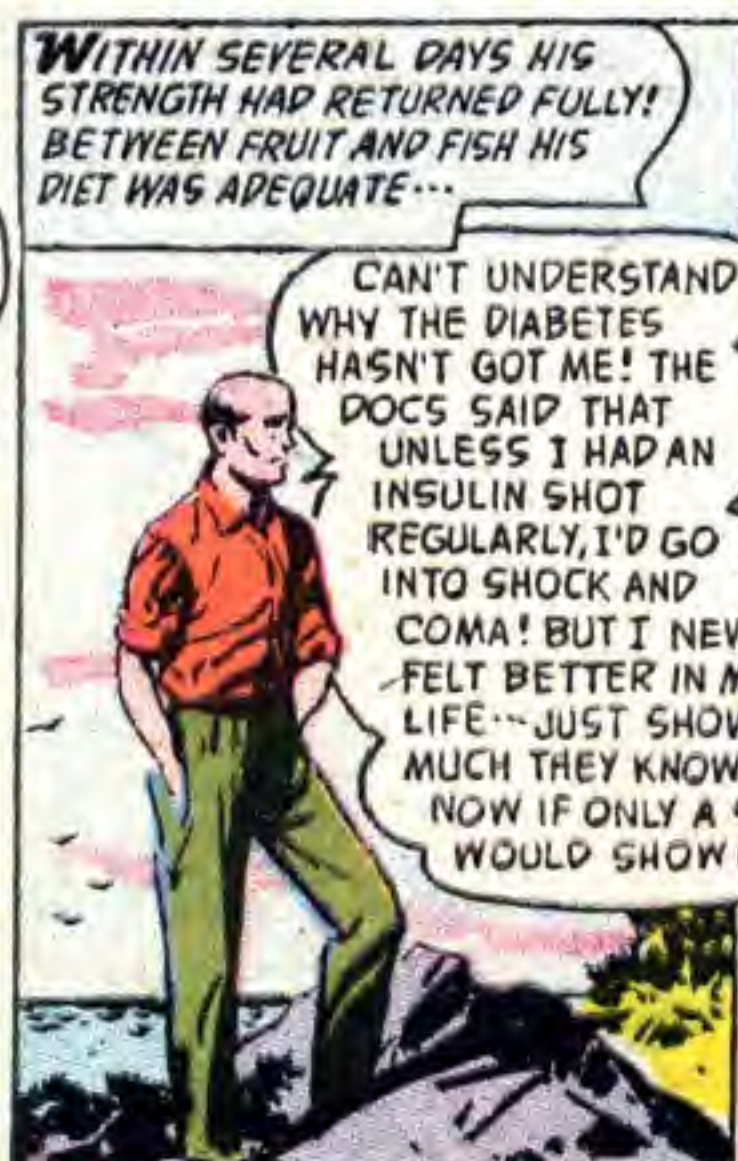
"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading my first copy of 'Adventures Into The Unknown'. I enjoy your magazine more than any I have ever read. You can be sure that I will continue reading a great book like yours. A loyal fan.

—John Phillips, Milwaukee, Wis."

We promise to do our best to justify your kind appreciation. The best stories we can get, illustrated by ace artists—that's our platform!





DAY BY DAY THE NEW TOOTH GREW INTO POSITION! IN A QUIET POOL HE LOOKED AT HIMSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG WHILE...

IT'S A TOOTH ALL RIGHT, AND THERE'S PLENTY OF HAIR ON TOP OF MY HEAD! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? IT...IT ALMOST SEEMS LIKE MY SCAR IS DISAPPEARING TOO... BUT I CAN'T SEE MYSELF WELL ENOUGH!



DESPITE THE AMAZING CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN HIM, EACH DAY FOUND HIM INCREASINGLY BORED! HE SCoured THE ISLAND FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER...

I JUST DON'T GET IT! NOT EVEN A MOSQUITO AROUND! SAY... WHAT'S GLEAMING LIKE THAT? IT'S ALMOST BLINDING!



IT WAS HARD TO BELIEVE... SO FANTASTIC A FIND...

DIAMONDS... HUNDREDS OF 'EM... JUST LYING AROUND TO BE PICKED UP! MUST BE MILLIONS WORTH WITHIN REACH OF MY ARM!



AFTER GATHERING THE LARGEST AND PUREST OF THE JEWELS...

I'VE GOT TO GET OFF THIS ISLAND NOW! NO SENSE BEING BURIED ALIVE HERE! I'VE GOT ENOUGH DIAMONDS TO LIVE LIKE A PRINCE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!



THE WOVEN SAIL BORE UP WELL UNDER A GENTLE BREEZE, AND THE CARVED RUDDER PERMITTED HIM TO STEER A STEADY COURSE...

I SHOULD BE REACHING AMERICAN SHIPPING LANES SOON... IT HAD BETTER COME QUICK, BEFORE MY FOOD SUPPLY RUNS OUT!



AMAZING GOOD LUCK CONTINUED! HIS PROVISIONS WERE ALMOST GONE WHEN...

A SHIP! YIPPEE! I'M SAVED!



AHOY! COME ABOARD! WHO ARE YOU?

WILLIAM BRENT! MY SHIP, THE MARY D, WENT DOWN WITH ALL HANDS SEVERAL MONTHS AGO!



THE MARY D.? SHE SANK LAST NIGHT!
WE PICKED UP HER SOS SIGNALS
AROUND MIDNIGHT!

L-LAST NIGHT?
YOU'RE MISTAKEN!
I'VE BEEN A CASTAWAY
FOR MONTHS!

HE TOLD HIS STORY TO THE CAPTAIN
AND THE SHIP'S DOCTOR, AWARE THAT
THEY LOOKED UPON HIM AS A MADMAN...

YOU SEEM NONE THE WORSE FOR YOUR
ORDEAL, EXCEPT FOR YOUR HALLUCINATION
ABOUT THE ISLAND! STILL, WHERE'D YOU
GET THE HOME-MADE SAIL, AND HOW ABOUT
THE TROPICAL FRUITS?

I GOT THEM ON THE
ISLAND, I TELL YOU!
YOU SAY THE MARY D.
WENT DOWN
YESTERDAY,
BUT I KNOW
BETTER!

HE WAS AMAZED AT HIS APPEAR-
ANCE AFTER SHAVING...HE LOOKED
YEARS YOUNGER AND MORE VIGOR-
OUS...AND HIS DEEP SCAR WAS
GONE! IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO
SHAKE HIS FAITH IN THE REALITY
OF HIS EXPERIENCE...

I COULD HAVE SHOWN
THEM ALL MY DIAMONDS,
BUT IT'S BETTER TO KEEP
IT A SECRET! NO SENSE
HAVING THE WHOLE
WORLD LOOKING FOR THE
ISLAND AS SOON AS THE
WAR IS OVER!

ONCE IN THE STATES HE SOLD ONE OF THE
JEWELS FOR A HUGE SUM, THEN WENT TO SEE
HIS LONGTIME DOCTOR...

I...I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT,
MR. BRENT... YOU DON'T HAVE
THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF DIABETES
ANY MORE! AND HOW'D YOU GET
YOUR HAIR BACK? I'D LIKE TO

KNOW THAT
SECRET! YOUR
BODY IS NOW
THAT OF A
MUCH YOUNGER
MAN!

I HAD A STRANGE
VACATION, DOC...
AND IT DID ME A
LOT OF GOOD!

WILLIAM BRENT RETIRED TO AN ORNATE MANSION,
WHERE HE MADE PLANS...

AS SOON AS THE WAR IS OVER, I'M
GOING TO FIND THAT ISLAND... IF IT
TAKES EVERY PENNY I OWN! THERE'S
SOME MYSTERIOUS PROPERTY THERE,
SOMETHING THAT RESTORES
HEALTH AND YOUTH! MAYBE
IT WAS THE FRUIT, OR THE
WATER... BUT SOME-
THING THERE HAS
**MIRACULOUS
POWERS!**

HE BOUGHT A YACHT THE DAY THE WAR ENDED,
BEGAN SCOURING THE SOUTH SEAS...

NOTHING ON THE HORIZON,
SIR! ACCORDING TO OUR
CHARTS, THERE
ARE NO
ATOLLS IN
THESE
WATERS!

I HAPPEN TO
KNOW THERE'S **ONE!**
WE'LL KEEP
LOOKING!

THE QUEST WENT ON, MONTH AFTER MONTH AND YEAR
AFTER YEAR... AND AT THIS MOMENT IT STILL
CONTINUES! FOR WILLIAM BRENT IS A DEDICATED
MAN, OBSESSED BY A SINGLE IDEA...

IT'S HERE... SOMEWHERE... IT'S NOT THE
JEWELS THAT MATTER... ONLY THE LIFE-
GIVING PROPERTIES!
THAT ISLAND CAN
CHANGE THE COURSE
OF HISTORY... CHANGE
MANKIND... NO
MATTER HOW
LONG IT TAKES,
IT'S GOT TO BE
FOUND...

The
END!

WASH-OUT!

APRIL, 1957... JOHN FULLER LOOKED OUT OVER HIS KENTUCKY FARM SADLY--

BEEN RAINING FOR THREE STRAIGHT DAYS! IF IT DOESN'T LET UP SOON, I'LL NEVER GET MY SPRING PLANTING DONE!

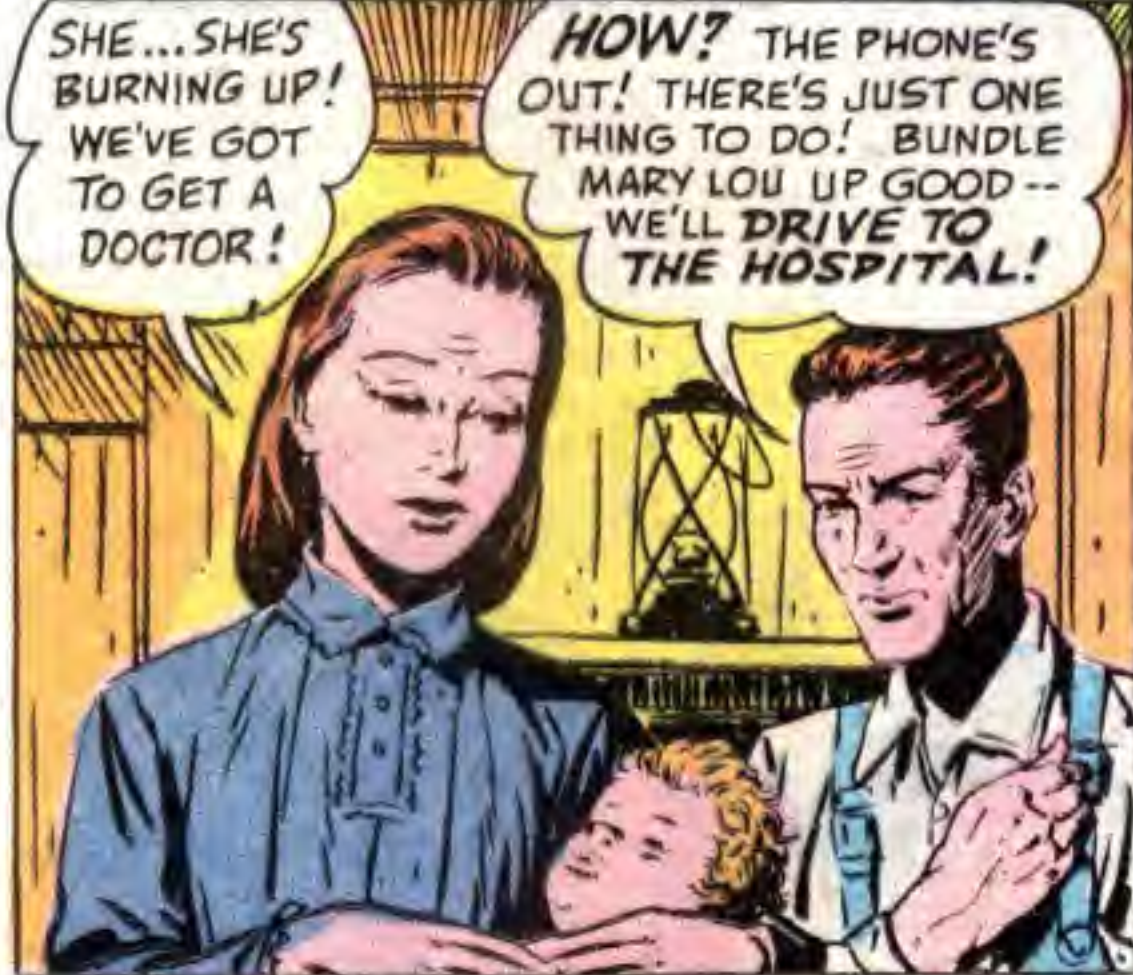
LOOK AT IT COME DOWN! NEVER SAW IT RAIN SO HARD!



ROADS HAD BECOME QUAGMIRES, AND POWER LINES WERE DOWN! IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, THEIR BABY WOKE UP SCREAMING--

SHE... SHE'S BURNING UP! WE'VE GOT TO GET A DOCTOR!

HOW? THE PHONE'S OUT! THERE'S JUST ONE THING TO DO! BUNDLE MARY LOU UP GOOD-- WE'LL DRIVE TO THE HOSPITAL!



IT'S 30 MILES TO THE HOSPITAL! AND SHE'S-- SO AWFULLY SICK--

COME ON-- AND PRAY!



OBLIVIOUS TO THE DANGER, JOHN FULLER PUT HIS FOOT DOWN ON THE ACCELERATOR. THE RAIN CAME DOWN HARDER STILL--

PLEASE, OH LORD, DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO MARY LOU! SHE'S ALL WE'VE GOT!



THE MOTOR COUGHED, STALLED-- BUT JOHN ALWAYS GOT THE CAR GOING AGAIN! AT LAST--

THANK HEAVENS WE REACHED THE BRIDGE! WE'LL HAVE A GOOD ROAD FROM NOW ON! WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT!

FASTER! SHE... SHE DOESN'T LOOK SO GOOD!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER THEY REACHED THE HOSPITAL, NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON --

THE BABY'S GOT DIPHTHERIA! WE'RE PUMPING HER FULL OF ANTI-BIOTICS! ALL WE CAN DO NOW IS HOPE FOR THE BEST!

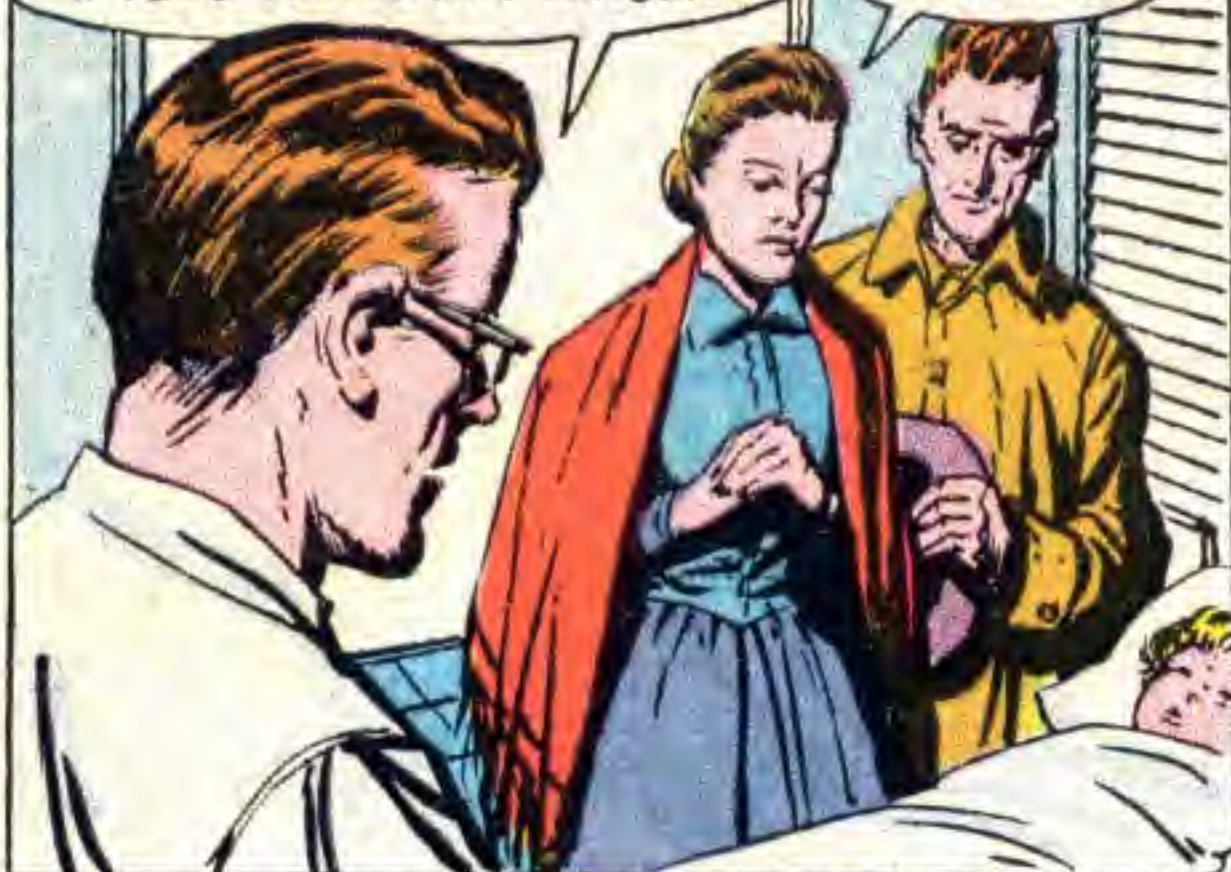
DON'T LET ANYTHING HAPPEN TO HER, DOCTOR--YOU'VE GOT TO SAVE HER!



EXHAUSTED AS THEY WERE, THE PARENTS NEVERTHELESS DID NOT CLOSE THEIR EYES ALL NIGHT! AT DAWN --

SHE'S SLEEPING PEACEFULLY NOW-- THE CRISIS IS OVER! GOOD THING YOU BROUGHT HER HERE, BECAUSE IF YOU'D WAITED ANY LONGER--

THE GOOD LORD MUST HAVE BEEN WATCHING OVER US!



YOU'D BOTH BETTER GO HOME AND GET SOME SLEEP! MARY LOU WILL HAVE TO STAY WITH US FOR A FEW DAYS! IT'S STOPPED RAINING... YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE GETTING BACK!

I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO SLEEP FOR 24 HOURS! LET'S GO, HONEY!

NEITHER HAD MUCH TO SAY ON THE LONG DRIVE BACK --

OH-OH, ROAD BLOCK AHEAD! WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?



WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT, THE SHAPE THESE ROADS ARE IN!

YOU'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK, MISTER! THE BRIDGE WAS WASHED OUT YESTERDAY MORNING!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I JUST USED THAT BRIDGE LAST NIGHT!



LAST NIGHT? YOU COULDN'T HAVE -- NOT UNLESS YOU'VE GOT A CAR THAT CAN TRAVEL OVER WATER!

BUT WE DID! DIDN'T WE, HONEY?



I... I THOUGHT WE DID! BUT THE MAN SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN US! IT WAS PRAYER THAT GOT US ACROSS, JOHN!





THE LONG, LONG SLEEP!

BUT HOW CAN SHE BE **ALIVE**? THIS ROOM HAS BEEN SEALED FOR **CENTURIES**!

WITH THE DISCOVERY OF THE MYSTERIOUS GIRL, A FANTASTIC CHAIN OF EVENTS WAS SET IN MOTION! WHO WAS SHE? WHY WAS THE MEDICAL PROFESSION UNABLE TO HELP HER? WHAT LAY WITHIN HER TIGHTLY CLOSED FIST? AND MOST BAFFLING OF ALL, HOW HAD THE LADY SURVIVED HER LONG, LONG SLEEP?



THE OLD CASTLE HAD BEEN THE SEAT OF THE TRYERMAINE FAMILY SINCE THE 13TH CENTURY---

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE LEFT WING IS GOING TO RUIN! I'D LIKE TO RENOVATE IT!

HASN'T BEEN USED FOR CENTURIES, HAS IT? I'D LIKE TO EXAMINE IT!

USING AN ANCIENT PLAN OF THE CASTLE'S LAYOUT, THE ARCHITECT WENT ABOUT CHECKING THE MUSTY OLD ROOMS, TAPPING WALLS, STUDYING THE SUPPORTS---

HMMM, SOMETHING **CURIOUS** HERE! ACCORDING TO THESE PLANS, THERE SHOULD BE A **ROOM** BEHIND THERE! OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS A DOORWAY--- COVERED UP A LONG TIME AGO!

I WONDER WHY?

I SUGGEST GETTING SOME MEN WITH A FEW PICKS AND BREAKING IN!

CAPITAL IDEA! I'M CURIOUS TO LEARN WHAT'S BEHIND THERE MYSELF!

WITHIN THE GORGEOUSLY APPOINTED CHAMBER---

AM I---
IMAGINING
THIS?

THE UNDISTURBED DUST OF CENTURIES STIRRED AS THE DOORWAY WAS FORCED! BOTH MEN PEERED WITH INCREPULOUS EYES INTO THE GLOOM---

BY JOVE!

IT'S---
UNBELIEVABLE!

A TINY WINDOW PERMITTED LIGHT AND AIR TO FILTER INTO THE ROOM! OTHERWISE, IT HAD BEEN SHUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD FOR CENTURIES---

WAKE UP!

SHE---SHE DOESN'T RESPOND! WE MUST CALL A DOCTOR--- AT ONCE!

I SEE HER TOO! GREAT HEAVENS, SHE'S BREATHING!

DESPITE EVERY EFFORT, THE GIRL COULD NOT BE ROUSED---

IT'S FANTASTIC--- I CAN'T FIND A THING WRONG WITH HER!

HER GARMENTS CRUMBLED UNDER THE MEREST TOUCH! THEY WERE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD! AND FOR ALL WE KNOW --- SO IS SHE!

THESE JEWELS---THEY'RE MUSEUM PIECES! AND HER RIGHT FIST---IT'S SO TIGHTLY CLENCHED WE CAN'T FORCE IT OPEN!

SHE'S HOLDING SOMETHING--- BUT WHAT?

THE EVENT CAUSED AN INSTANT SENSATION ALL OVER ENGLAND! INSTANTLY IT BECAME THE MAJOR TOPIC OF CONVERSATION---

GIRL STILL ASLEEP! DOCTORS BAFLED!

IN THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE EARL OF HAMILTON, THE MATTER WAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST...

ACCORDING TO FAMILY LEGEND, WE HAMILTONS HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE TRYERMAINES CENTURIES AGO! GLAD WE DON'T HAVE ANY GIRLS SLEEPING IN SECRET CHAMBERS **HERE!**



IF YOU ASK ME, THE WHOLE THING IS PURE FANTASY!

DON'T BE SO SKEPTICAL, MY DEAR... THIS STORY IS QUITE TRUE! LOVELY GIRL, TOO... WHAT'S YOUR OPINION, BRIAN?

TO TELL THE TRUTH, I HAVEN'T SEEN THE PAPER! LET ME HAVE A LOOK!



A STRANGE SHUDDER SWEEPED OVER YOUNG BRIAN HAMILTON...

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU'RE WHITE AS A SHEET!

I... I **KNOW** THIS GIRL!



KNOW HER? DON'T BE ABSURD! I TELL YOU I **DO!** I... I CAN'T REMEMBER FROM WHERE... BUT I RECALL THE FACE DISTINCTLY! A MAN DOESN'T FORGET A FACE LIKE THAT!



FROM THAT MOMENT ON, BRIAN TORTURED HIS MEMORY WITHOUT SUCCESS...

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, MY BOY? YOU ACT LIKE A SMITTEN YOUNG CALF! FIRST TIME YOU'VE SHOWN SUCH INTEREST IN A WOMAN!

IT'S DRIVING ME MAD, FATHER! I'M POSITIVE I KNOW HER— BUT I CAN'T PLACE THE TIME! HER FACE IS HAUNTING ME!



THE MATTER OBSESSED HIM FOR DAYS...

CAN'T SLEEP... CAN'T EAT... **WHY?** THERE'S JUST ONE THING TO DO... GO TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE SHE IS AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HER!



THIS IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR, SIR BRIAN! ARE YOU **SURE** YOU KNOW HER?

I... I BELIEVE SO! WHAT HARM CAN IT DO FOR ME TO LOOK?





WHEN HE SAW HER LIVING FORM FOR THE FIRST TIME...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SIR BRIAN?

JUST A MOMENTARY DIZZY SPELL! SHE'S EVEN... MORE LOVELY... THAN HER PICTURE!



FOR SOME UNACCOUNTABLE REASON, HE FELT HE COULD GET THROUGH TO HER...

WAKE UP! PLEASE...

IT'S A WASTE OF TIME! THIS IS SOME POWERFUL CATATONIC TRANCE WE DOCTORS KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!

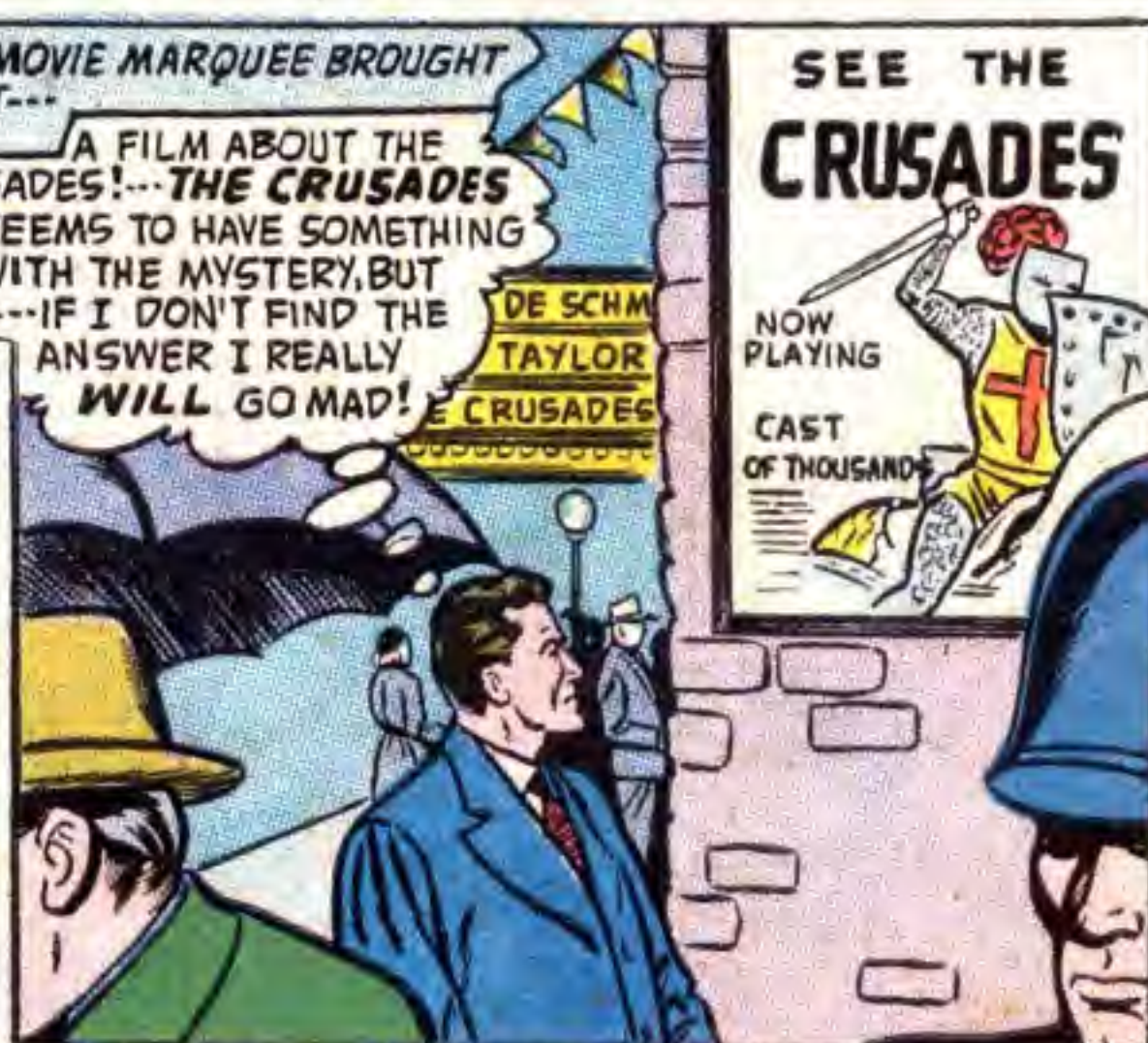


I'M MORE CERTAIN THAN EVER NOW THAT WE'VE MET BEFORE! CAN'T YOU OPEN HER FIST?

NOT WITHOUT BREAKING HER FINGERS! YOU'D BETTER GO NOW...



HER FACE...HER FACE...IT'S TORMENTING ME! AND THAT CLOSED FIST... **WHAT'S SHE HOLDING?** I SEEM TO KNOW THE ANSWER... BUT IT'S ELUDING ME!



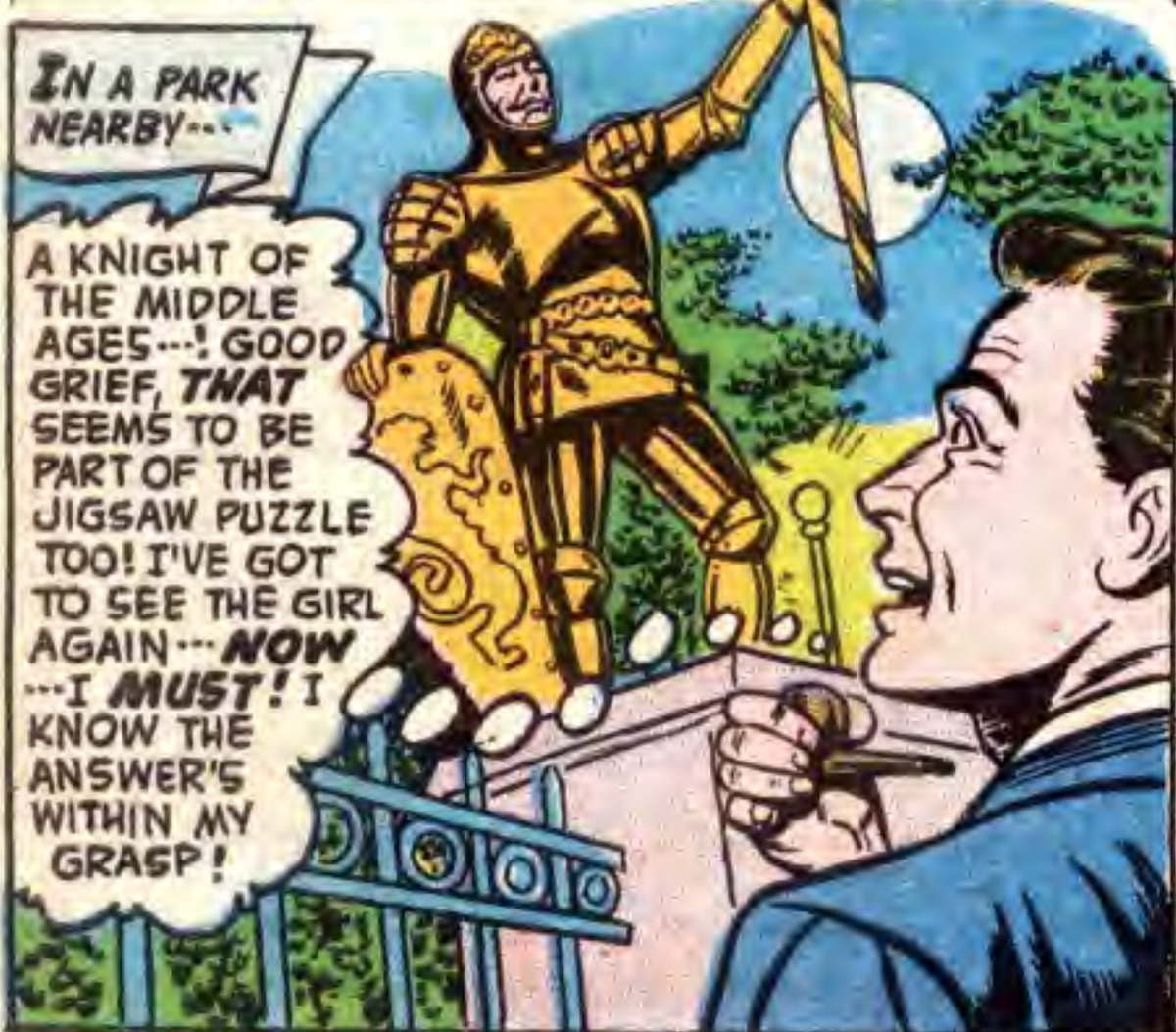
SUDDENLY A MOVIE MARQUEE BROUGHT HIM UP SHORT...

A FILM ABOUT THE CRUSADES!... **THE CRUSADES**... IT SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE MYSTERY, BUT WHAT?... IF I DON'T FIND THE ANSWER I REALLY **WILL GO MAD!**

SEE THE **CRUSADES**

NOW PLAYING

CAST OF THOUSANDS



IN A PARK NEARBY...

A KNIGHT OF THE MIDDLE AGES...! GOOD GRIEF, **THAT** SEEMS TO BE PART OF THE JIGSAW PUZZLE TOO! I'VE GOT TO SEE THE GIRL AGAIN... **NOW**... I **MUST!** I KNOW THE ANSWER'S WITHIN MY GRASP!



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WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT, HIS SEIZURE GREW MORE INTENSE...

I'M AFRAID HE'S GONE OFF THE DEEP END! WONDER WHAT WILD THOUGHTS ARE RATTLING AROUND IN HIS FEVERED BRAIN?

HO, MY MEN! SADDLE MY STEED...



LORD TRYERMAINE'S CASTLE IS JUST OVER YON HILL, SIR BRIAN!

GOOD! I CAN'T WAIT TO REACH IT!



SCORES OF OTHER KNIGHTS HAD TRAVELED FROM FAR AND WIDE TO ATTEND THE GREAT TOURNAMENT AT TRYERMAINE...

THE CONTESTS BEGIN TOMORROW, AND MAY THE BEST MAN WIN... FOR THE PRIZE IS WHAT IS DEAREST TO MY HEART!

THE LADY GERALDINE HAS VOWED TO GIVE HER HAND TO THE WINNER! SHE'S THE LOVELIEST MAID IN ALL THE REALM!



LONG SOUGHT BY MANY NOBLEMEN, THE LADY GERALDINE HAD SCORNE THEM ALL! SHE HAD A REPUTATION AS A HEARTLESS GIRL WHO TOYED WITH MEN'S FEELINGS...

NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH SAVAGE JOUSTING, MY LADY!

WHY NOT? AFTER ALL, CONSIDER THE PRIZE!



SHE SEEMED UNDISTURBED BY THE STRUGGLES ON THE FIELD...

THE CRUEL MINX LAUGHS! AND YET SHE HAS CONQUERED MY HEART... SHE MUST BE MINE!



THE DETERMINED YOUNG KNIGHT SWEEPED ALL BEFORE HIM...

WHO IS THAT? HE FIGHTS LIKE A DEMON, YET HE IS VERILY A HANDSOME YOUTH!

IT IS BRIAN, SON OF THE EARL OF HAMILTON!

AT LAST THE TOURNEY ENDED, AND WHEN THE TRIUMPHANT WINNER CAME TO CLAIM HIS BRIDE...

I HAVE BROUGHT THIS GREAT RUBY RING WITH ME FROM HOME... IN HOPES THAT YOUR HAND WOULD BE MINE! TAKE IT, LADY GERALDINE!

I THANK THEE, SIR BRIAN!



SHE SLIPPED THE MAGNIFICENT RING ON HER FINGER, THEN BURST INTO CRUEL LAUGHTER...

BUT I FEAR YOU ARE MUCH MISTAKEN - FOR I SPOKE NOT OF MARRIAGE! I VOWED TO GIVE MY **HAND**... AND HERE IT IS!

IS THIS A... JEST?



ONE AND ALL MUTTERED AT GERALDINE'S PITILESSNESS! HER OWN FATHER WAS OUTRAGED...

I CAN NOT PERMIT OUR FAMILY NAME TO BE BESMIRCHED! BRIAN IS NOBLE BORN, A WORTHY LAD! YOU SHALL MARRY HIM!

OF COURSE I SHALL, FATHER... BUT **NOT YET!** LET HIM WAIT... THEN HE SHALL CHERISH ME THE MORE!



ELSEWHERE IN THE CASTLE THE YOUNG KNIGHT RAGED...

SHE HAS MADE A FOOL OF ME! BUT I VOW THAT SHE'LL NOT BELONG TO ANY OTHER MAN! LET ALL KNOW THAT MY WRATH WILL FALL ON ANY OTHER SUITOR!

IT SHALL BE DONE, SIRE!



FOR WEEKS HE REMAINED AT TRYERMAINE, PLEADING HIS SUIT...

I LOVE THEE, GERALDINE! BUT I DARE NOT TARRY HERE LONGER... I MUST OFF TO THE CRUSADES! PROMISE YOU WILL AWAIT MY RETURN!

SPEAK NOT OF LOVE, NOR WAITING! MY HEART IS MY OWN, AND I WILL GIVE IT WHERE AND WHEN I PLEASE!



THE NIGHT BEFORE BRIAN'S DEPARTURE, A SORCERER CAME TO HIM...

I HAVE IT IN MY POWER TO PUNISH LADY GERALDINE FOR HER DECEIT... AND TO MAKE SURE SHE MARRIES NO OTHER TILL YOUR RETURN! MAY I ACT?

DO SO, AND I WILL REWARD THEE WELL! USE THY ARTS TO MAKE HER MINE!



AT DAYBREAK, AS BRIAN'S GROUP RODE AWAY...

IS THE WORK DONE?



AYE, MY LORD! NEVER FEAR, SHE SHALL BE WAITING FOR THY RETURN!

AS HE PLODDED TOWARD THE HOLY LAND, SHE WAS NEVER OUT OF HIS MIND...

YOU HAVE NOT TOLD ME HOW YOU PERSUADED THE LADY GERALDINE TO WAIT!

I PUT A **SPELL** ON HER, MY LORD... USING THE **VERY RING** YOU GAVE HER!





AT THAT INSTANT HER FINGERS SUDDENLY RELAXED, HER EYELIDS FLUTTERED...

SHE... SHE IS HOLDING THE RING! GERALDINE, SPEAK TO ME!

I... I... WHERE...



HER LOVELY EYES OPENED...

BRIAN, MY LOVE... WHERE AM I? WHY ART THOU DRESSED SO STRANGELY?

THANK HEAVENS! OH, GERALDINE... I HAVE A TERRIBLE STORY TO TELL!



SHE LISTENED INCREDULOUSLY... EVERYTHING WAS TERRIBLY HARD FOR HER TO UNDERSTAND...

YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF IN A STRANGE, NEW WORLD... FULL OF WONDERS! I WILL BE AT YOUR SIDE, AS YOUR HUSBAND! BUT NO ONE BUT US MUST KNOW THE TRUTH!

I HAVE NO WISH TO SPEAK OF MY PAST WICKEDNESS! OH, BRIAN, CAN IT REALLY BE TRUE?



TWO DAYS LATER...

IT'S TRUE WE CAN'T HOLD HER HERE AGAINST HER WISHES, BUT WE WANT HER TO STAY FOR MORE OBSERVATION! THAT LONG TRANCE, THE WAY SHE KEEPS USING OLD WORDS AND PHRASES...

SORRY, WE HAVE OTHER PLANS!



HER FIRST GLIMPSE OF THE WORLD OUTSIDE WAS TERRIFYING...

EVERYTHING WILL SCARE YOU FOR A WHILE, DARLING... BUT YOU'LL GET USED TO IT! REMEMBER, SAY LITTLE TILL YOU LEARN OUR MODERN SPEECH!



NEVER LEAVE MY SIDE, BRIAN... I'M AFRAID! OH, THIS IS ALL PUNISHMENT FOR MY HEARTLESS CHARACTER!

GERALDINE HAD ARISEN FROM HER LONG SLEEP A NEW PERSONALITY, FULL OF REMORSE FOR PAST BEHAVIOR! BRIAN'S PARENTS LIKED HER, BUT WERE SKEPTICAL OF THE MARRIAGE...

AFTER ALL, MY BOY... WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF HER? WHO'S HER FAMILY? DO YOU THINK SHE'LL FIT INTO OUR TRADITIONS?

LET ME ASSURE YOU, FATHER, GERALDINE IS A LADY BORN!



IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, EVERYONE AGREED THAT GERALDINE MADE A PERFECT WIFE...

LOVELY COUPLE! HE'S A LUCKY CHAP!

YES, SHE IS LOVELY! BUT THERE'S SOMETHING PECULIAR ABOUT HER... I DON'T KNOW... I GUESS IT'S JUST THAT SHE'S REMARKABLY OLD-FASHIONED!



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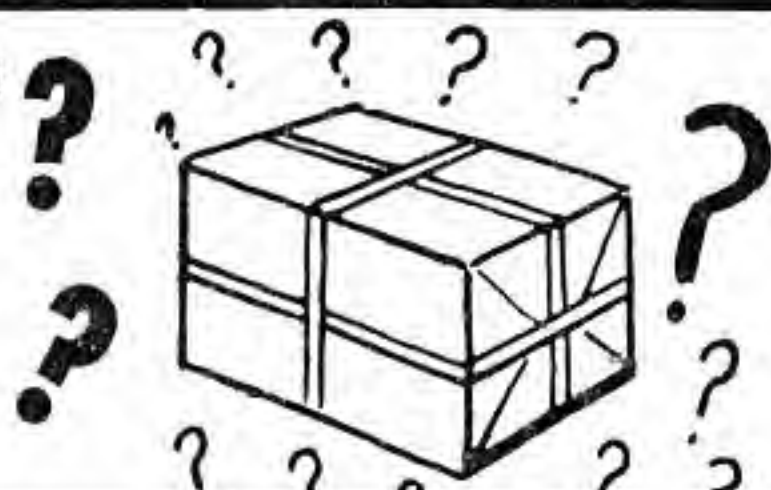
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